

WHEREAS, Surveys indicate approximately thirty-seven percent of the nearly fourteen million pre-school age youngsters are unprotected against polio, measles, rubella, diphtheria, pertussia (whooping cough), and tetanus; and,

WHEREAS, This age group accounts for the greatest percentage of both cases and deaths from these diseases; and,

WHEREAS, A host of public and private agencies, voluntary service groups, pharmaceutical firms, and the United States Public Health Service's Center for Disease Control, have joined together to carry out a two-phased campaign directed at private and public health care providers and parents for the purpose of increasing immunity levels among the inadequately and unimmunized pre-school age population; and,

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has designated October, 1973, as National Immunization Action Month:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, in recognition of the massive problem facing us and in support of efforts to cope with and solve the problem of pre-school immunizations do hereby proclaim October, 1973, as

IMMUNIZATION ACTION MONTH

in South Dakota, and do request all citizens to join me and assist in this effort to end our legacy of afflicted children from these diseases.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 19th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen hundred and Seventy-Three.


RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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